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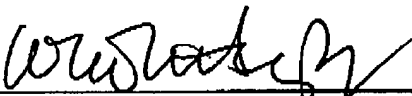
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Dear Sir or Madam:

1. More than 2 years and 3 months have passed since this patent application was filed on July 24, 2003. Missing Parts of Application dated April 21, 2004 was responded to on June 21, 2005.
2. Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status and when we can expect the first Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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